



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

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Makoto NAGAO, et al.

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Group Art Unit: 1773

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Examiner: Nikolas J. UHLIR

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For: MASTER CARRIER FOR MAGNETIC TRANSFER

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 19, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows on the accompanying pages.

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layer of the master carrier was high (see specification, paragraphs [18] to [22]). When relative permeability is too low, the magnetic field for transfer is not absorbed in the master carrier.

There is nothing in the prior art which teaches this characteristic feature of the present claims.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) and 103(a).

Conclusion

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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